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REMARKS

Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice and its features have been added to claim 1. In view of section 7 of the office action, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.

Though the claims dependent upon claim 1 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claims 4 and 6 have been converted from dependent form into independent form. This change in form does not narrow or limit the scope of the claims. The independent claim which claims 4 and 6 were formerly dependent upon has not been cancelled. Therefore, the full scope of the doctrine of equivalents should apply to claims 4 and 6 as if they were originally presented in independent form when the application was filed. In view of paragraph 7 of the office action, claims 4 and 6 should be in condition for allowance.

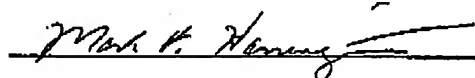
Claims 17-20 have been added above to claim the features recited therein.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain,

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Respectfully submitted,

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